

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Canceled).

3. (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A process for preparing a cast-coated paper comprising:
applying a coating color comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper
containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp to
form a coating layer,

drying the coating layer in [[the]]a wet state, [[then]]

smoothing the dried coating layer,

~~plasticizing it by rewetting the smoothed layer, and~~

pressing and drying the coating layer against a heated mirror finishing surface to form a
finished cast coating layer,

wherein the coating color contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on
100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, [[that]]and wherein the kaolin has a particle size
distribution such that not less than 65% by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2 μm
and [[that]]the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigment.

5. (Previously Presented) The process for preparing a cast-coated paper of claim 4
wherein the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70% or more as measured according to JIS-P8142
after drying and before rewetting.

6. (Currently Amended) A cast-coated paper obtained by:

applying a cast coating layer comprising a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper containing an organic compound having the effect of inhibiting interfiber bonding of pulp, and drying the coating layer in a wet state,
smoothing the dried coating layer,
rewetting the smoothed layer, and
pressing and redrying the cast coating layer in a rewetting state against a heated mirror finishing surface to finish it,
characterized in thatwherein the cast coating layer contains not less than 50 parts by weight of a kaolin based on 100 parts by weight of inorganic pigments, [[that]]and wherein the kaolin has a particle size distribution such that not less than 65 % by volume of the particles are in the range of 0.4-4.2 μm and [[that]] the cast coating layer contains a plastic pigmentand that ~~the coating layer has a sheet gloss of 70 % or more as measured according to JIS-P8142 after drying and before rewetting.~~

7. (New) The process of claim 4, wherein the plastic pigment is contained in an amount of 5-50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the inorganic pigments.
8. (New) The process of claim 4, wherein the coating color comprises a solid plastic pigment.
9. (New) The cast-coated paper of claim 6, wherein the smoothed coating layer before rewetting has a sheet gloss of 70% or more as measured according to JIS-P8142.
10. (New) The cast-coated paper of claim 6, wherein the plastic pigment is contained in an amount of 5-50 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the inorganic pigments.
11. (New) The cast-coated paper of claim 6, wherein the coating layer comprises a solid plastic pigment.